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### PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Board of Missions.

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### THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

GRACE CHURCH,

*Providence, R. I., June 20th, 1848.*

THIS being the time and place for the Annual Meeting of the "Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," several Bishops and other members of the Board attended divine service as 10½ o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. C. H. Halsey, Secretary and General Agent of the Domestic Committee, assisted by the Rev. P. P. Irving, Secretary and General Agent of the Foreign Committee, and the Ante-Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Connecticut, assisted by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Maine, who read the Epistle, and the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New-Hampshire, who read the Gospel.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston, from the 15th and 18th verses of the 102d Psalm.

"So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord,  
And all the kings of the earth thy glory.

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This shall be written for the generation to come;  
And the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord."



The Service for the Celebration of the Lord's Supper was read by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Rhode Island, assisted by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts.

The elements were distributed by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Connecticut, assisted by the Bishops of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New-Hampshire and Maine.

The religious services having been concluded, the Board proceeded to business.

Present : The Rt. Rev. the Bishops of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New-Hampshire and Maine; the Rev. Messrs. Baury, Crocker, Edson, Halsey, Irving, Richmond, Robertson, Tyng and Vinton; and Messrs. Appleton, Gardiner and Newton.

The roll having been called, it was, on motion of the Secretary,

*Resolved*, That the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

On motion of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts, the Board proceeded, in compliance with the third Article of the By-Laws, to the appointment of a Secretary; and on motion of the same, the Rev. Mr. Van Pelt was re-appointed.

On motion of the Bishop of Massachusetts, it was

*Resolved*, That the Board now adjourn, to meet again at 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Board met.

Present : The Rt. Rev. the Bishops of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New-Hampshire and Maine; the Rev. Messrs. Baury, Cooke, Crocker, Edson, Halsey, Irving, Richmond, Robertson, Tyng and Vinton; and Messrs. Appleton, Gardiner, Huntington and Newton.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Connecticut, being the senior Bishop present, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of the Secretary, it was

*Resolved*, That a special Committee be appointed to examine and report whether any vacancies at present exist in this Board.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts, Rev. C. H. Halsey, and the Hon. S. H. Huntington, were appointed the Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Irving, on behalf of Dr. J. Smyth Rogers, Treasurer of the Foreign Committee, presented and read the An-

nual Report\* of that officer, duly audited ; which, on motion of the Secretary, was referred to a Committee of three.

The Rev. Dr. Edson, R. H. Gardiner, Esq., and the Hon. S. H. Huntington, were appointed the Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Halsey, on behalf of T. N. Stanford, Esq. Treasurer of the Domestic Committee, presented and read the Annual Report† of that officer, duly audited ; which, on motion of the Bishop of Rhode Island, was referred to the same Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Irving presented and read the Annual Joint Report‡ of the Secretaries and General Agents as Editors of the Spirit of Missions, on the condition of that periodical ; which, on motion of the Secretary, was ordered to be printed, with the minutes of the Board.

The Rev. C. H. Halsey, as Secretary and General Agent of the Domestic Committee, presented and read the Annual Report of that body,§ required by the eighth Article of the Constitution, which, on motion of the Secretary of the Board, was referred to a Committee of five.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Maine, Rev. Dr. Crocker, Rev. Mr. Richmond, and Messrs. Gardiner and Huntington, were appointed the Committee.

The Bishop of Connecticut having retired, the Bishop of Massachusetts being the senior Bishop present, took the Chair.

The Rev. Mr. Irving, as Secretary and General Agent of the Foreign Committee, presented and read the Annual Report of that body,|| which, on motion of Rev. Dr. Robertson, was referred to a Committee of five.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New-Hampshire, Rev. Dr. Vinton, Rev. Messrs. Baur and Cooke, were appointed the Committee.

The Secretary of the Board presented and read the Fourth Annual Report¶ of the Rt. Rev. Horatio Southgate, D. D., Missionary Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Dominions and Dependencies of the Sultan of Turkey : which, on motion of the Secretary, was referred to the same Committee to whom the Report of the Foreign Committee was referred.

Mr. Gardiner offered the following resolution, which, on his

\* Vide Appendix D.  
§ Vide Appendix A.

† Vide Appendix C.  
|| Vide Appendix B.

‡ Vide Appendix E.  
¶ Vide Appendix H.

own motion, was referred to the Committee to whom the Report of the Domestic Committee was referred,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the manner in which the salaries of the Domestic Missionaries of this Board are now paid, and to report to this meeting such measures as in their opinion would remedy the inconveniences to which the Missionaries are exposed, from the present irregular mode of payment.

The following resolutions, on motion of the Secretary of the Board, were adopted :

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of the Board, attested by its Secretary, be referred to that officer and the two Secretaries and General Agents for publication.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this Board be printed in the "Spirit of Missions," and that 250 copies be printed from the same types as a separate pamphlet, with the usual title page prefixed.

*Resolved*, That the Secretaries of the two Committees be authorized to draw, at their discretion, on the Domestic and Foreign Funds in equal parts, for the incidental expenses attending the present meeting of the Board.

*Resolved*, That the Reports of the Treasurers be printed with the proceedings of the Board.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Irving, it was

*Resolved*, That the Board now adjourn, to meet again to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

June 21st, 1848.—9 o'clock, A. M.

The Board met.

Present : The Rt. Rev. the Bishops of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New-Hampshire and Maine ; Rev. Messrs. Atkinson, Baury, Cooke, Crocker, Cutler, Edson, Halsey, Irving, Richmond, Robertson, Tyng and Vinton ; and Messrs. Gardiner, Huntington, Newton and Rogers.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Connecticut being the senior Bishop present, presided, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The calling of the roll being, on motion of the Secretary, dispensed with, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary presented and read the Annual Report of the



Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemper,\* Missionary Bishop for the North-West, which, on motion of the Secretary, was referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Domestic Committee.

The Bishop of Connecticut having retired, the Bishop of Massachusetts took the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Edson, as Chairman of the Committee, to whom was referred the Reports of the Treasurers of the Domestic and Foreign Committees, presented the following Report :

The Committee to whom the accounts of the Treasurers of the Domestic and Foreign Committees were referred, find that the same have been duly audited and certified to be correct, and recommend that they be received and entered in the journal of this Board.

THEODORE EDSON,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
J. H. HUNTINGTON,		
R. H. GARDINER,		

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Maine, as Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Domestic Committee, presented the following Report :

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Domestic Committee, with the accompanying documents, have examined those papers, and report,

That the general aspect of the affairs entrusted to the Committee appears much more gratifying than at the last annual meeting.

But a debt of more than \$7,000 still remains ; and it is not at all improbable that the same embarrassment will exist hereafter, unless efficient measures be adopted, to secure both that the receipts in the subsequent year shall be as great as in the past, and that no additional debt shall be incurred through a premature increase of appropriations. It is a most mournful fact, that there should have been a time when the most self-denying ministers of the Church, after laboring six months for their stipulated compensation, should have been compelled to wait nine months longer for the means of paying debts contracted for want of that compensation, and contracted for the necessities of life. Almost any arrangement which should be uniform in its operation, would be sufficient to prevent this state of things ; for, unless the receipts can be raised to the level of the expenditures, the expenditures must descend to the level of the receipts. Debt must, in any event, be avoided on behalf of the Board, but still more on the part of the

\* Vide Appendix F.

missionaries. It appears most expedient, that either through the Bishop of each diocese, or through some other agency which has his approbation, every parish should, at some period of the year, be reached ; and the exact manner in which this shall be accomplished must be referred to the Domestic Committee. Other measures of relief and prevention are proposed in the subjoined Resolutions.

Great inconvenience and occasional suffering has, of course, been experienced by the missionaries from the long delay of the payment of their salaries. Buying upon credit, they pay at a dearer rate ; they are, necessarily, forced into the habit of contracting debts ; these increase upon them unawares ; and the usefulness of a clergyman is much impaired when he is known to be embarrassed.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that each missionary be allowed, at the expiration of each quarter, to draw upon the Treasurer for the amount of his salary due at that date ; the draft to be payable at such time, not exceeding four months, as the Committee may from time to time direct. They would also recommend the formation of a contingent fund, which should not be included in the current estimates, but be reserved to equalize the expenditures of the different portions of the year.

These propositions would determine the disposal of the legacies. The Committee are of opinion that the bonds and mortgages proposed to be transferred by the Executors of Mr. Olden should be collected, or remain invested, as at present, at the discretion of the Committee.

The Report of the Missionary to the Jews, in the city of New-York, exhibits gratifying proof of his diligence and faithfulness, and justifies the hope, under God's blessing, of an impression on the minds of that people.

The proposal from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, on behalf of the Chickasaw nation, seems to afford the most favorable opportunity which has been presented for accomplishing the long-cherished desire of the Church to fulfil its work amongst the aborigines of the land.

While the fact that the old states supply so much of the population of the new, gives particular urgency to the duty of maintaining the Missions in the former, it is also hoped that the vastness of the field which has been recently opened by the accession to our territory, and the great emigration of foreigners, will

stir up the whole Church to the most energetic efforts ; for such alone can in any measure meet the necessity which is thus created.

It is recommended that the appointments made by the Committee to fill vacancies in their number, be confirmed.

The expediency of the strictest economy, makes it desirable that the duties which are now discharged by the Assistant Secretary should be met, if possible, under some other arrangement.

The Committee propose the following Resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the missionaries be paid quarterly, and not half-yearly.

*Resolved*, That a contingent fund, of not less than \$4,000, be formed from legacies bequeathed to this Board for Domestic Missions, which fund shall not be estimated in the current receipts of the year, but shall be used to pay the salaries of the missionaries in those quarters when the expenditures exceed the receipts, and to be restored again when the receipts exceed the expenditures.

*Resolved*, That when such contingent fund shall have been completed, every missionary employed by the Domestic Committee be authorized, upon the day that his quarterly salary becomes due, to draw upon the Treasurer for the amount thereof up to that date, and payable at such time from date, not exceeding four months, as the Committee may from time to time direct ; this arrangement to go into effect as soon as may be judged possible by the Committee, and then to be by them duly notified to the missionaries.

*Resolved*, That in case the funds on hand, together with the contingent fund, be inadequate to meet the drafts of the missionaries as they become due, the Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the Board, such further sum as may be necessary.

*Resolved*, That, should any portion of the legacy of Mr. Olden be paid by the transfer of bonds and mortgages, the same be collected, or remain invested, as at present, at the discretion of the Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Domestic Committee be directed to enter into communication with the Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey, with reference to the proposed Mission School amongst the Chickasaw nation ; and to promote, in every proper way, the design indicated by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Secretary.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of the Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, D. D., and the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., to fill the va-



cancies caused by the resignation of the Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D., and the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, be confirmed.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Domestic and Foreign Committees to consider whether the duties of the Assistant Secretaries of both departments can be discharged by one person.

*Resolved*, That the Board perceive, with gratitude to God, the increase in the number of contributing churches, and in the total amount of receipts; but would, at the same time, impress by every means upon the Church the deficiency which still exists in both; and the necessity that the exertions of the past year should be made constant and much augmented, as the only mode of avoiding great sin and disgrace.

GEORGE BURGESS,  
N. B. CROCKER,  
WM. RICHMOND,  
R. H. GARDINER,  
S. H. HUNTINGTON.

All the resolutions connected with the Report were, on motion, adopted.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts, as Chairman of the Committee to examine and report whether any vacancies at present exist in this Board, reported as follows:

The Committee on Vacancies beg leave to report, that by the election of Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., as a member of the Domestic Committee, a vacancy occurs in the Board.

And they nominate the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, in the city of New-Orleans, to fill the same.

MANTON EASTBURN,  
*Chairman.*

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Board approve the nomination of the Committee, and that the Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., be accordingly appointed a member of this Board.

On motion of the Bishop of Rhode Island, it was

*Resolved*, That when the Board adjourn, they will adjourn to meet again at 4½ o'clock this afternoon.

The Bishop of Connecticut returned, and took the Chair.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New-Hampshire, as Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Foreign Committee, presented the following Report:



The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Foreign Committee, ask leave to report—

That having given to the several documents submitted to their review such attention as they were able, they find most abundant cause to congratulate the Church on the evidence afforded, of the prosperous condition of the Foreign Department of its Missions. If not the highest hopes of the most sanguine friends of this blessed cause have been fulfilled, at least the moderate hopes of its early friends have been more than realized, and there cannot be the shadow of a doubt that the labors in which the Church is now engaged, are such as have the blessing and the promise of God ;—and in all time to come, the Committee are persuaded there will be a gathering in of most precious fruits, that shall most manifestly be referred to the planting and culture of this our day of comparatively small things.

The Committee are happy to see, in the increased receipts of the Treasury, that a growing interest is felt in the work. The amount of receipts has exceeded that of any former year. Entirely free from debt, sustained by the confidence and faith of Christian Churchmen, and possessing large stores of wisdom derived from the experience of the past, this department has every thing to cheer, and nothing to dishearten its friends.

As the Report of the Foreign Committee will be published, your Committee think it unnecessary to be particular in referring to the special condition of the several stations where your laborers have been placed.

We have still to regret that our Missionary Bishop in China has not yet altogether regained the health with which he commenced his labors, and which is so necessary to active and efficient usefulness. From accounts very recently received, however, it is hoped the day is not far distant when he will be able to announce a perfect restoration. Let the prayers of the Church be devoutly offered up that the day may be hastened in mercy.

With regard to the Mission at Athens, your Committee are of opinion that the measures of the Foreign Committee have been dictated by a due regard to all the circumstances of the case, and that a wise forecast and survey require perseverance in those measures.

The Committee have also had under careful consideration, the Annual Report of the Bishop of Constantinople, of the state of the Mission under his charge, and of the embarrassments to which he

has been subject by the arrangements of the Foreign Committee for supplying him with the means of support for the past year.

The Committee regret exceedingly that the Bishop should have been so embarrassed. They entertain the hope and belief, however, that he will have no cause of complaint for the future. They rely fully on the disposition of the Foreign Committee to do all in their power to render his supply of funds ample and regular. They are of opinion, that in making the Report of his doings to the Board hereafter, he should do so through the constituted agency of the Board, and of the Church, the Foreign Committee; they are its appointed agent, and through them all communications should reach this Board. The other Bishops of the Church are in the habit of sending them in that manner. That body is one which this Board is bound to respect and cherish, and to require the same of all persons acting under its authority. There are expressions in the Report under consideration which the Committee lament to find there, but which they are willing to excuse, as occasioned by the extreme apprehension the Bishop was under of a total failure of his resources, and the suffering he would endure in consequence. Touching a suggestion in the Bishop's Report, they conceive there is no necessity whatever for any change in the present organization of the Church for Missionary purposes, but that the present one is, in all respects, as nearly perfect as circumstances will allow—certainly as efficient as any other that has yet been proposed. They commend the Bishop and his Mission to the prayers of the Church, and desire to express their entire confidence in his ability and desire to carry out the design of the Church in its establishment.

Your Committee find no report of the disbursements of this Mission, and recommend that the Rt. Rev. Bishop be requested in future to submit such a statement with his Annual Report.

On the subject of Special Agencies, your Committee think that, while they may be regarded as necessary expedients in pressing emergencies, their employment being left to the discretion of the Foreign Committee, nevertheless permanent Special Agencies are not expedient. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that permanent salaried agencies be dispensed with, so soon as in the judgment of the Foreign Committee it shall be deemed practicable. It is hoped and believed that the Committee will be able to accomplish its wishes with little or no expense to the Treasury, by the occasional employment of Collecting Agencies.

The Committee, in conclusion, recommend the following Resolutions :

*Resolved*, That in view of the facts reported, and brought to the attention of this Board, by the Foreign Committee, the Board has good grounds to be satisfied with the labors of its various functionariës in this department, at home and abroad.

*Resolved*, That the cause of Foreign Missions be renewedly recommended to the favor, the prayers, and the liberal contributions of the members of Christ throughout our Communion.

All which is respectfully submitted :

CARLTON CHASE,  
A. L. BAURY,  
A. H. VINTON,  
J. W. COOKE,  
EDWD. A. NEWTON.

On motion, the Resolutions connected with the Report were adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Board met.

Present: The Rt. Rev. the Bishops of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New-Hampshire and Maine; the Rev. Messrs. Atkinson, Baury, Cooke, Crocker, Cutler, Edson, Halsey, Irving, Richmond, Robertson, Tyng and Vinton; and Messrs. Gardiner, Huntington, Newton and Rogers.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts being the senior Bishop present, took the Chair.

The calling of the roll being, on motion, dispensed with, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Newton, it was

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Meeting of this Board be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, in the City of New-York, on Wednesday of the week preceding the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Anniversary, at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Tyng, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Board be presented to the Rt. Rev. Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Grace Church, Providence, for their kindness in granting the Board the use of their Church.

The Rev. Mr. Halsey, Secretary and General Agent of the

Domestic Committee, having stated that the Annual Report of the Missionary Bishop in the South West had not arrived, but was daily expected, it was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That said Report be referred to the Domestic Committee, to be published with the proceedings of this Board.\*

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That after suitable devotions, this Board adjourn.

The Board having joined in singing the 79th Psalm, and in prayers, offered by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts, adjourned.

Attest,

P. VAN PELT,

*Secretary.*

\* Vide Appendix G.









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